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CC Docket No. 02-6

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Letter of Appeal : "Administrator's Decision Appeal-Funding Year 2011-2012" dated July 16, 2012

Re: Billed Entity Name: Yeshiva Ohel Moshe School
Billed Entity Number: 11792
471 Application Number: 779312
FRN 2208156, 2118864, 2118867

To Whom it May Concern,

We are appealing the "Administrator's Decision Appeal-Funding Year 2011-2012" dated July 16, 2012 which states:

"FRN 2208156 for \$26,850. for Internal Connections has been deemed as not cost effective. Independent pricing of this server components was conducted to determine if the equipment costs were reasonably priced or excessive. Based on the price comparison conducted between applicant supplied equipment prices requested and available prices by 3rd party verification. It is clear that the prices requested for funding of the equipment in FRN 228156 are not cost effective."

It seems that USAC is comparing our vendors price to wholesale pricing, in reality the price difference between our vendors server hardware price of \$11,100 and Dells price of \$10,191 (*Please see attachment #1*) is insignificant but the difference in value is astronomical. Keeping in mind the price was the primary factor in the evaluation.

The time our vendor spends sitting down with us in designing and customization with proper back up and putting together the hardware order, so that the right hardware is ordered for our needs, so that we can be guaranteed our eventual software applications will work. This in itself is the most valuable and cost effective option out there. There isn't anything more wasteful than ordering the wrong equipment that will not accommodate any of our needs or our approved Technology plan.

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FRN 2208156	
Description: Terminal Server	
2X INTEL XEON X5550 CPU	
12GB RAM	
4GB NETWORK CARD	
RAID CONTROLLER W/256MB	
4 X 300GB 15K RPM ULTRA SAS HOT PLUG HARD DRIVES (DATA RAID 10)	
2X 146GB 15K RPM ULTRA SAS HOT PLUG HARD DRIVES (SYSTEMS RAID 1)	
DVD DRIVE	
POWER SUPPLY	
DELL E178FP 17" FLAT PANEL MONITOR	
KEYBOARD	
MOUSE	
price for above items :	\$11,100
MICROSOFT 2008 WINDOWS SERVER SOFTWARE	\$2,000
MICROSOFT 2008 TERMINAL SERVICES SOFTWARE	\$1,450
INTERNAL POWERSHIELD 1 10T LT02-L 200/400GB SCSI TAPE BACKUP W/CONTROLLER	\$3,600
Installation	\$1100
1 year service	\$2800
Training	\$1200
Programming	\$3600

"FRN 2118864 for \$36,895. for Internal Connections has been deemed as not cost effective. Independent pricing of this server components was conducted to determine if the equipment costs were reasonably priced or excessive. Based on the price comparison conducted between applicant supplied equipment prices requested and available prices by 3rd party verification. It is clear that the prices requested for funding of the equipment in FRN 2118864 are not cost effective"

It seems that USAC is comparing our vendors price to wholesale pricing, in reality the price difference between our vendors server hardware price of \$11,950 and Dells price of \$10,191 (*Please see attachment #1*) is insignificant but the difference in value is astronomical. Keeping in mind the price was the primary factor in the evaluation.

The time our vendor spends sitting down with us in designing and customization with proper back up and putting together the hardware order, so that the right hardware is ordered for our needs, so that we can be guaranteed our eventual software applications will work. This in itself is the most valuable and cost effective option out there. There isn't anything more wasteful than ordering the wrong equipment that will not accommodate any of our needs or our approved Technology plan.

FRN 2118864	
Description: Email Server	
2X INTEL XEON X5550 CPU	
12GB RAM	
4GB NETWORK CARD	
RAID CONTROLLER W/256MB	
4 X 300GB 15K RPM ULTRA SAS HOT PLUG HARD DRIVES (DATA RAID 10)	
2X 300GB 15K RPM ULTRA SAS HOT PLUG HARD DRIVES (SYSTEMS RAID 1)	
DVD DRIVE	
POWER SUPPLY	
DELL E178FP 17" FLAT PANEL MONITOR	
KEYBOARD	
MOUSE	
price for above items :	\$11,950
MICROSOFT 2008 WINDOWS SERVER SOFTWARE	\$2,000
MICROSOFT EXCHANGE EMAIL SOFTWARE	\$6,920
INTERNAL POWERSHIELD 1 10T LT02-L 200/400GB SCSI TAPE BACKUP W/CONTROLLER	\$3,600
Installation	\$1750
1 year service	\$3975
Training	\$1500
Programming	\$5200

"FRN 2118867 for \$106,800. For Internal Connections has been deemed as not cost effective. The request is clearly excess capacity of equipment with a ratio of codecs at 1:1 per class room for a total of 22 codec for 22 classrooms. This is not cost effective and is considered excess quantity of equipment with only a student count of 68."

We understand the need to evaluate cost-effectiveness. Having one system with dual functionalities usually proves to be the most cost-effective, often better than buying separate systems. In this case, the system being requested does not only function as a video conferencing system but also as a video broadcasting system. To buy two separate systems would not be cost effective. So, we got this one with dual capabilities, having a dual system requires setting up all the classrooms with codec. To utilize both functions to enhance the educational productivity of our classrooms. This is clearly the most cost-effective choice to meet our particular needs.

Shifra Stone
Principal

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at
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ATTACHMENT #1

Description



PowerEdge T710

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SYSTEM COMPONENTS

PowerEdge T710

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T710 Tower Chassis for Up to 8 3.5-In HD (3Gbps) & Intel
56XX Procs, No Operating System

Unit Price

\$10,191.00

Module	Description	Show Details
PowerEdge T710	T710 Tower Chassis for Up to 8 3.5-In HD (3Gbps) & Intel 56XX Procs	
Operating System	No Operating System	
Memory	12GB Memory (6x2GB), 1333MHz Single Ranked LV RDIMMs for 2 Procs, Optimized	
Feature Upgrades for Embedded NIC Ports	Embedded NICs are TOE Ready with iSCSI Offload Enabled	
Primary Processor	Intel® Xeon® X5647 2.93GHz, 12M Cache, 5.86 GT/s QPI, 4C	
Additional Processor	Intel® Xeon® X5647 2.93GHz, 12M Cache, 5.86 GT/s QPI, 4C	
1st Hard Drive	HD Multi-Select	
Internal Controller	PERC 6/i SAS RAID Controller	
BIOS Setting	Power Saving BIOS Setting	
Embedded Management	iDRAC6	
Removable Disks and Tape Drives	PowerVault Half Height 400GB LTO3 Tape Backup, w/Controller Internal	
Internal Optical Drive	DVD-ROM, SATA, Internal	
System Documentation	Electronic System Documentation and OpenManage DVD Kit	
Hard Drive Configuration	RAID 1/RAID 5 for PERC 6/i or H700 Cntrl (Non-Mixed Drives)	

Rails	No Rack Rails or Cable Management Arm
Hardware Support Services	3Yr Basic Hardware Warranty Repair: 5x10 HW-Only, 5x10 NBD Onsite
Installation	No Installation
Proactive Maintenance	Maintenance Declined
Power Supply	1100 Watt Redundant Power Supply
Power Cords	2x NEMA 5-15P to C13 Wall Plug, 125 Volt, 15 AMP, 10 Feet (3m), Power Cord
Tape Media	LTO5 Media 1PK
Hard Drives	(6) 300GB 15K RPM SAS 6Gbps 3.5in Hot-plug Hard Drive
TOTAL: \$10,191.00	

Additional Discounts and Coupons

	Total Price
Sub-total	\$10,191.00
Shipping & Handling¹	—
Tax	—
Total Price²	—

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